GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WEST BENGAL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received US $210 million loan recently for West Bengal Corridor Development Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with total cost of the project and the details of central participation in the project; and (

(c) the time by which the project will be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) A loan of US $210 million for West Bengal Corridor Development Project has been approved by Asian Development Bank. Negotiations for the loan are completed and loan agreement is yet to be signed.

(b) The loan assistance is proposed to be utilised for the improvement of 370 km length of National Highway-34, 150 km length of State Highways Nos. 1 and 10 and 100 km length of Rural Access Roads.Total cost of the project is Rs. 1518 crore with Central Participation of Rs. 329 crore.

(c) The project is targeted to be completed by March, 2007.